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MAINTAINED ILLEGAL CONTACTS WITH RFE

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STORY BROADCAST TO POLAND BY RFE
POLISH BD EVENING OF APRIL 27: BEGIN TEXT: TWO MEMBERS
OF THE WORKERS DEFENSE COMMITTEE IN POLAND WERE TOLD TODAY
THEY ARE SUSPECTED OF MAINTAINING ILLEGAL CONTACTS WITH
RADIO FREE EUROPE AND A POLISH-EMIGRE JOURNAL, KULTURA.

THE ACCUSATIONS WERE MADE AGAINST JACEK KURON AND JAN JOZEF
LIPSKI DURING SEPARATE INTERVIEWS IN WARSAW AT THE PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR RFE HAS DENIED THAT THE STATION HAD ANY
CONTACTS WITH THE TWO MEN WHO ARE LEADING MEMBERS OF A
COMMITTEE SET UP TO HELP WORKERS PUNISHED FOR THEIR PART
IN LAST JUNE'S DISTURBANCES. THE RFE SPOKESMAN SAYS NEWS THE
STATION HAS BROADCAST ABOUT THE WORKERS DEFENSE COMMITTEE,
THE ARRESTS AND HARASSMENT OF ITS MEMBERS HAS BEEN BASED ON
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REPORTS BY WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS IN POLAND AND ON INFORMATION
MADE AVAILABLE TO THE NEWS MEDIA BY FRIENDS OF THE COMMITTEE
IN THE WEST.

WESTERN NEWS REPORTS FROM WARSAW SAY KURON AND LIPSKI HAVE
BEEN TOLD THEY ARE UNDER SUSPICION OF HAVING VIOLATED ARTICLE
132 OF THE POLISH PENAL CODE. THAT ARTICLE MAKES IT A CRIME

FOR ANY POLISH CITIZEN TO ENTER INTO AN UNDERSTANDING WITH
A PERSON ACTING FOR THE BENEFIT OF A FOREIGN ORGANIZATION TO
DAMAGE THE POLITICAL INTERESTS OF POLAND. IF EVENTUALLY (RPT
EVENTUALLY) THE TWO WERE BROUGHT TO TRIAL AND FOUND GUILTY
OF VIOLATING THIS ARTICLE THEY COULD FACE JAIL TERMS RANGING
FROM SIX MONTHS TO SEVERAL YEARS.

KURON AND LIPSKI HAVE BEEN TOLD TO REPORT BACK TO THE PRO-
SECUTOR'S OFFICE FRIDAY AND TO INFORM AUTHORITIES OF THEIR
MOVEMENTS.

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